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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS DOG PROGRAM
REF: A) SINGAPORE 2237, B) CUSTOMS 3539

FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER

1. U.S. CUSTOMS HAS SCHEDULED ITS SEVENTH NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINER CLASS AS REFERENCED IN PARAGRAPH 1(A) OF REFTEL (B), TO BE HELD IN FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 18-NOVEMBER 5 1976.
THE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH. CUSTOMS WOULD WELCOME PARTICIPANTS FROM SINGAPORE.

2. WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL (A), CUSTOMS WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT PARTICIPANTS FOR ITS DOG TRAINING COURSES MAY BE FROM POLICE ORGANIZATIONS, CUSTOMS, OR FROM ANY ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING MILITARY, WHO CAN BE EXPECTED TO USE THE OFFERED TRAINING IN FIGHTING THE
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MOVEMENT OF ILLEGAL DRUGS. FROM THE DESCRIPTION OF THE

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EXISTING FACILITIES OF THE SINGAPORE POLICE AND OF THE
SINCERE INTEREST OF SINGAPORE CUSTOMS, THE FOLLOWING
COURSE OF ACTION IS RECOMMENDED:

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3. FOR THE UPCOMING PROGRAM, PROVIDE FOUR POLICE DOG
TRAINERS AND TWO CUSTOMS OFFICERS IDENTIFIED AS PROSPECTIVE
TRAINERS. IDEALLY, THE POLICE PARTICIPANTS
SHOULD HAVE EXTENSIVE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN BOTH DOG
HANDLING AND DOG TRAINING. SINCE, FROM YOUR DESCRIPTION,
WE WOULD EXPECT THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO WORK CLOSELY
WITH THE POLICE DOG TRAINERS UPON THEIR RETURN, THE DOG-
RELATED BACKGROUND OF THE CUSTOMS OFFICERS CAN BE RELAXED
SOMEWHAT. IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT THE DOG HANDLER COURSE
DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1(B) OF REFTEL (B) COULD BE OFFERED
BEFORE THE SPRING OF 1977. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED
PROGRAMS FOLLOW:

4. OBJECTIVES: THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS TRAINING IS
TO EQUIP THE PARTICIPANTS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES
WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM, WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY CONSTRAINTS,
TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN SUCCESSFUL NARCOTICS DOG TRAINING
PROGRAM. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THEIR PROGRAM SHOULD
DRAW ON THEIR OWN RESOURCES. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS
SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING COURSE OBJECTIVES: 1) THE
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN TRADITIONAL DOG TRAINING METHODS AND THE METHODS
EMPLOYED BY THE U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINERS; 2) THEY WILL BE
ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE WAYS U.S. CUSTOMS APPLIES ITS TRAIN-
ING METHODS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NARCOTICS DETECTOR
DOG; 3) THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ENUMERATE THE TECHNIQUES USED
BY U.S. CUSTOMS IN CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES REQUIRED TO
SUPPORT A SUCCESSFUL NARCOTICS DOG PROGRAM. SPECIFICALLY,
THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT ANIMAL PROCUREMENT, HEALTH AND
VETERINARY PROGRAMS, AND BOTH DOG AND TRAINER PERFORMANCE
EVALUATION METHODS; 4) FINALLY, THE STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE
TO APPLY THE ACQUIRED INFORMATION TO THEIR COUNTRY'S
EXISTING DOG PROGRAM. THIS OBJECTIVE IS SUPPORTED BY
COURSES IN METHODS OF EVALUATION OF TRAINER PROGRAMS, DOG
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UTILIZATION, RECORD MAINTENANCE, KENNEL MANAGEMENT, AND
FIELD UNIT ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION.

5. THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION WITH REGARD TO SETTING
UP A REGIONAL DOG TRAINING CENTER IN BANGKOK. THE CENTER
WOULD SERVICE THE NARCOTIC DOG TRAINING NEEDS OF THE
SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGIONAL COUNTRIES. INITIALLY, IT IS
THOUGHT THAT THE THAIS WOULD PROVIDE THE FACILITY,

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SUPPORTED BY LIMITED U.S. FUNDING AND DOG TRAINING EXPERTISE. U.S. CUSTOMS WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE USE OF SUCH A FACILITY BY SINGAPORE ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

6. ROUTE ALL REPLIES TO ALLSHOUSE, U.S. CUSTOMS.

7. STUDENTS SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON OCTOBER 11 TO ALLOW FOR ORIENTATION AT WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CENTER PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF TRAINING. ROBINSON

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